

TIGER SKIN STIRS OFFICIAL CIRCLES

Peirce-McWade Controversy Over Moth-Eaten Rug.

FINDS WAY TO CONGRESS

One Denies Receiving It as a Present; Other Says It Was a Gift.

Will an entirely innocent but magnificent Bengal tiger skin, valued by its owner at \$500, be the means of keeping Herbert H. D. Peirce, Third Assistant Secretary of State, out of the diplomatic service?

That is a question that has arisen in official circles since Robert McWade, a former Philadelphia newspaper man and deposed consul general at Canton, has gone before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House and told an interesting story about Mr. Peirce and this same tiger skin.

The question naturally remains, to what extent, if any, did the receipt of the handsome rug by the State Department official from a man whose office he was inspecting, go toward granting immunity for an official who was supposed to be a subject for unfavorable criticism.

Peirce Received Rug.

There is no question that Mr. Peirce received the rug. But how it came into his possession is the point in which the statements of the two men differ. Mr. Peirce has expressed his desire to go before the same committee and tell the members his side of the story, but it is understood that few of the members believe he is entitled to a hearing, for the reason that his confidential report concerning Mr. McWade should have referred to the tiger skin, if it was forced upon him as he now claims it was. Instead, there is no mention, whatever of the incident in the now famous report.

Mr. McWade maintains that Mr. Peirce, while in his office, admired the rug in such a suggestive manner that he felt compelled to give it to him. Mr. Peirce maintains that although he saw the rug while he was at the consulate, and expressed polite admiration for the same, declined it when offered to him as a present and souvenir of the trip, declaring that owing to their respective official positions and the particular nature of his mission to Canton, it would be impossible for him to accept. Mr. Peirce explains his possession of the rug in this way: He had bought some curios in the nature of tea tables, which could not be lettered by the time of his departure; he arranged with Mr. McWade to ship them to him; when he returned to Washington he found the tables had arrived, and neatly packed with them was the rug.

If tigers could talk, the dispute might be easily settled. But this one, particularly, being represented only by its moth-eaten skin, is hopelessly dumb and unable to aid in solving the problem. Once the pride of the McWade household in China, the acknowledged object of admiration on the part of a State Department official, it was the part of every person in Canton who saw it, the rug is today sunning itself on a table in the backyard of the McWade home, but it is still the pride of the west, endeavoring thus to rid itself of the moth, while its owner and late possessor are wrangling over the question as to how it happened to be in the hands of Mr. Peirce on his return trip to Washington, and make its home for nearly two years in the storage room of the Peirce home.

Promises to Be Interesting.

To some persons the story of the tiger skin promises to be interesting, and it's now up to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House as to whether the other side shall be officially given to the world. In the meantime Mr. Peirce is pursuing the routine of his duties as the secretary at the head of the consular division, and at odd moments is acquainting himself with the use of the Norwegian language, for he is slated for the appointment as first minister to Norway. This new post is scheduled to pay \$10,000 the year, whereas the office of Third Assistant Secretary of State pays but \$4,500.

ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES FOR PAYMASTER EXAMS.

The following additional list of candidates designated to take the examination for assistant paymasters in the navy at the navy yard in this city, beginning June 11, was announced at the Navy Department this morning:

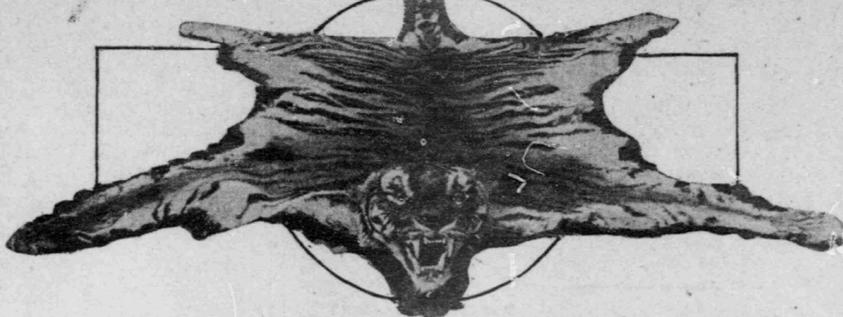
Louis S. Garrison, New York; G. F. Kroehl, New York; W. W. Haslett, Pennsylvania; William Pedlow, Pennsylvania; Thomas A. Strader, Virginia; A. F. Cox, Indiana; S. W. Price, Maryland; J. L. Sheperd, Maryland; H. D. Rogers, Illinois; H. J. Fitzgerald, New York; L. N. Le Pan, New York; E. E. Grier, North Carolina; Omar D. Conger, Michigan.

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BONE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN SECRETARY PEIRCE AND MR. McWADE.

Serves Twenty-one Years In Prison for Drink

Kensington Man Holds Record in Pennsylvania House of Correction After Having Served Eighty-five Terms.

PHILADELPHIA, May 5.—Probably no more striking illustration of the curse of drink can be found than is presented by an old man who is now an inmate of the house of correction, serving his eighty-fifth term in that institution.

This much-committed man is Daniel Stump, who comes from a family the other members of which are respectable members of the community.

Stump's eighty-five trips to the correction have so accustomed him to the place that he often refers to it as his home. He appears to feel at ease and extremely happier just as soon as the doors of the institution close on him. Drink and Stump's love of it are responsible for his downfall. Ever since he was twenty-five years old—that was thirty years ago—he has fought to overcome his love of the cheering cup, but the record of his visits to the correction tells how he failed.

It was on June 17, 1880, that Stump was admitted to the house of correction as an inmate for the first time. He was then twenty-nine years old. He had been working in a mill and was invited to a "sociable affair" by some of his fellow-workmen. The "affair" was to last only one night, but it was three days before Stump got through enjoying himself.

It is probable that he would not have stopped even then had he not been arrested and taken before John Myers, who was then a magistrate. The sentence of "three months in the house of correction" imposed by him almost caused Stump to faint.

When Stump began serving his first term he had no other idea but he would make so many more trips to the correction. In fact, the place impressed him so that almost every day until the three months expired he resolved that his conduct in the future would be such that it would not be necessary for him to again spend any time as an inmate of the institution.

It is seldom that a magistrate ever sends a person to the house of correction for less than three months, and allowing that each time Stump was committed to the institution he served three months, the time spent by him in the place equals almost half of his life, or about twenty-one years.

Because of his numerous visits to the correction Stump is looked upon as a curiosity by the other inmates. On one occasion, after the inmates had learned of the numerous terms Stump has spent in the institution, all of them who were working anywhere near him and could get away from their work crowded about him and questioned Stump as to the truth of what they had heard about him. "Maybe some of you fellows will break the record and take the honors from me. Don't crow too soon."

MAGISTRATE SENDS HIS MOTHER TO JAIL

French Judge of Spartan Soul Refuses to Let Filial Love Sway His Justice.

PARIS, May 5.—Magistrate Eugene Ma, of Montpellier, has had his own mother before him charged with being concerned with others in obstructing the official taking of an inventory at a local church.

There was a dramatic scene when the magistrate took his seat on the bench, his mother crying out: "Here I am. Sentence me if you dare!" M. Mas allowed no filial sentiment to come between him and justice, but suggested that the prisoners should be given three days' imprisonment each. The other magistrates compromised the matter by adjourning the case, in order that M. Mas might be absent when judgment was given.

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TROUBLE 116 YEARS OLD SETTLED BY THE JURY

Verdict for Plaintiffs in Famous Whalen Suit, Which Was in Litigation Seven Years.

The jury in the case of the descendants of John Patrick Whalen and the heirs of his brother, Nicholas Whalen, in a suit for ejectment, which has been on trial for four days in Circuit Court No. 1, brought in a verdict last evening in favor of the plaintiffs.

The suit has been in litigation for about seven years, and the trouble which ended yesterday began 116 years ago. The brothers, Patrick and Nicholas Whalen, came to this country from Ireland. They were stone masons and contractors and had a hand in building the old Tiber creek tunnel, and also worked on the Capitol. They quarreled and separated after making a division of their property, in which the old game of Esau and Jacob was enacted, Patrick going to Coleville, Montgomery county, Md., and Nicholas taking up his home near Cabin John Bridge. The suit was a first brought in 1889, and was for business profits and possession of premises 811 Pennsylvania avenue.

Attorneys Charles A. Kelgwin and H. E. Davis represented the plaintiffs, while the defendants' interests were looked after by Nathaniel Wilson, Clarence B. Wilson, Walter D. Davidge, and E. C. Peter.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 5.—The chief of police has issued an order permitting the resumption of business, and the distribution of relief funds and supplies is progressing along such efficient and systematic lines that a general feeling of cheerfulness prevails in the city.

Important signs of activity are noted in the realty market. Several transactions in process before the conflagration have been completed and new ones entered upon. A number of offers for realty at figures below the values that hitherto have reigned were promptly declined. Owners are unwilling to accept any material sacrifice on their holdings.

Offered Big Price for Site.

The owners of the Dick House site on Montgomery street have refused an offer of \$75,000 more than they paid for the lot and hotel two years ago.

The United States Mint, which is being used as a clearing house for all banks, has paid out nearly \$8,000,000. The clearing house committee reports all the city banks solvent. Four sugar companies have paid their dividends for May.

The health of the city continues good, a condition one of the most remarkable known to medical men. But seven cases of typhoid have been reported—one definite and six suspected.

Southern Pacific officials state that 1,026 carloads of supplies have been delivered in San Francisco from all sections of the country.

Railroads Moved an Army Free.

The railroads have taken 300,000 persons out of the city free of charge.

General Funston said today: "The relief of conditions in San Francisco is the largest rescue work ever attempted by the army. In the East they speak of the fire as the greatest catastrophe of the age, but those who have not engaged in the work of relief on the ground do not yet realize that 250,000 persons made homeless and penniless in a day have been fed and sheltered for two weeks, and that no man, woman, or child has gone hungry."

Mountain Range Split in Two.

Geologists have found a mountain range split for four miles near Redwood City. They say the side near the ocean fell away, and that this may have caused the earthquake. Dr. Branner, of Stanford University, is preparing a report on this theory.

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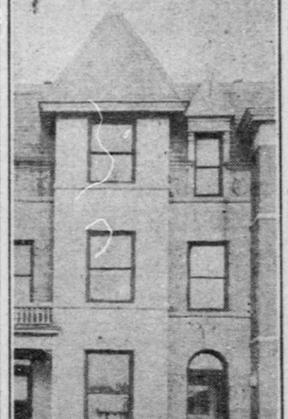
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NINETEEN SECONDS LATER THE LADY WAS ANGRY.

Here is a photographic story of some Washingtonians who did.

How a Washington Man Shot the Minister from Sweden.

Being the first publication of an interesting encounter between Mr. W. Riley Deebble and Mr. A. Grip, at a time when the former had strenuous yearnings to be a successful amateur gardener, while the latter felt an equally insistent call to chase the anise seed bag across turnip patches as well as "cross country."

"Uncle Joe" Cannon, Three Score and Ten Tomorrow.

A well-drawn pen picture of the Speaker of the House, who celebrates on Monday his seventieth birthday.

"The Flag Paramount" by O. Henry. An Interview With Clara Morris.

The Oldest Pilot on the Potomac. America's Famous Dismal Swamp, the Home of Romance and Mystery, Is Rapidly Going Dry. San Francisco's Lost Bohemia.

The Woman Who Tired of Life After 108 Years.

The pathetic story of Mrs. Mary McKittrick, who committed suicide last Monday.

How Living Expenses Have Increased During the Past Ten Years and Why.

Receives Letter from Her Soldier Sweetheart, Killed in Virginia 46 Years Ago.

Remarkable Growth of Washington's Suburbs.

In addition to the regular Sunday edition of tomorrow's paper, The Times will issue a profusely illustrated and carefully edited twelve-page section, giving a complete and interesting description of the Capital's beautiful environments, which will prove invaluable to country and suburban home seekers as well as those who are looking for a profitable real estate investment.